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SUBJECT: PROPERTY DAMAGE (BROKEN WINDOW) AMCONGEN

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1. AT 2355 HOURS SEPT 15, A PAVING STONE WAS THROWN THROUGH THE LARGEST PLATE GLASS WINDOW AT THE CONSULATE, LOCATED IN THE FOYER ADJACENT TO THE FRONT DOOR. THIS WAS THE SIXTH SUCH ATTACK ON THE POST DURING THE CURRENT CALENDER YEAR. THE SCORE CARD FOR THE YEAR TO DATE READS AS FOLLOWS: TWO FIRE BOMBINGS, ONE AT AMERIKA HAUS AND ONE AT THE CONSULATE; AND FOUR WINDOW BREAKINGS, ONE EACH AT THE AMERIKA HAUS AND U.S. TRADE CENTER AND TWO AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL. ALL WERE CARRIED OUT IN SNEAK FASHION WITHOUT DIRECT INDICATION OF PURPOSE OR PERSUASION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. HOWEVER, IT CAN REASONABLY BE ASSUMED THAT SATURDAYS INCIDENT WAS A SPIN OFF, PROBABLY BY STUDENT RADICALS, OF A DEMONSTRATION EARLIER IN THE DAY BY LEFTISTS PROTESTING THE OVERTHROW OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

2. INFORMATION PER REFERENCE AS FOLLOWS:

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A. POST AWARE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH ATTACK THROUGH ALERT RECEIVED

ON FRIDAY FROM THE POLICE. CONSULATE, AMERICKA HAUS AND U.S. TRADE CENTER WERE WELL PROTECTED DURING DEMONSTRATION MENTIONED ABOVE AND BY SUBSEQUENT MOTORIZED PATROLS. HOWEVER, POLICE UNABLE PREVENT SNEAK HIT AND RUN WINDOW BREAKING BY DETERMINED INDIVIDUALS.

B. POLICE NOTIFIED

C. FREQUENCY PATROLS INCREASED

D. PARA 1 ABOVE.

E. ACTUAL COST DM 506.16

F. RESTITUTION WILL BE REQUESTED USUAL MANNER

G. AUTHORITIES MOST COOPERATIVE.

3. ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS INCIDENT TO INSPECTION OF THE POST IN AUGUST 1972, MYLAR PLASTIC FILM WAS INSTALLED ON ALL GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS AT THE CONSULATE TO REDUCE THE HAZARD OF FLYING GLASS FROM WINDOWS BROKEN BY THROWN OBJECTS OR EXPLOSION. STATURDAYS INCIDENT PROVIDE THE CONSULATE THE FIRST ACTUAL PROOF OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MYLAR UNDER OTHER THAN SIMULATED TEST CONDITIONS. IT CAN BE REPORTED THAT MYLAR INDEED PROVED HIGHLY EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING PROJECTION OF BROKEN GLASS INTO THE BUILDING, EXCEPT FOR A VERY FEW SMALL FRAGMENTS APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO THE SIZE OF THE HOLE THAT WAS LITERALLY PUNCHED INTO THE WINDOW BY A 2 INCH CUBE PAVING STONE. THE WINDOW ITSELF, MEASURING 239 CM BY 178 CM., WAS COMPLETELY SHATTERED BUT REMAINED INTACT IN THE FRAME HELD TOGETHER BY THE MYLAR FILM COVERING THE ENTIRE WINDOW. HARLAN

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